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### THE WAR OUTLOOK.

It is a cheering fact that eagerness to talk of peace is found in the Austro-German press. The circulation of rumors by Germany that Britain and her Allies are ready to make peace at the expense of Russia and Roumania is only a mask for her own desire to get out of the war as quickly as possible, and with the least possible disturbance of her plans for the future. It is not so cheering, however, that the German success against Russia has been followed by the enemy from gaining a substantial victory, but even a partial success serves the purpose of the German government to stiffen the backs of the people for further burdens in the hope of final victory. Nevertheless the German press is uneasy over the success gained by the French, which is of far more importance than any movement on other fronts. The French have taken more than 12,000 prisoners and 120 big guns, and are within eight miles of the railway junction of Lunan.

The defeat of the Italian cabinet and the troubles of the Poincare cabinet in France show that the war-strain is telling on the people, but the determination to continue the war is unshaken. The new Swedish government has declared its intention to be strictly neutral, which could not be said of its predecessor. In Norway the feeling against Germany grows more bitter because of the murder of Norwegians by the submarines. In South America, Brazil is on the verge of declaring war against Germany.

Mr. Hoover, the American food administration, declares that the war is a matter of endurance, and calls upon the people of this continent to stimulate production and economize in food in order that the Allies may be fed and kept strong for their great task.

The most hopeful sign in the whole war outlook is the confession by the German press of a growing shortage of leather, fuel, clothing, vegetables and some other supplies. In a struggle of endurance the Allies have every advantage.

### THE POLITICAL SITUATION

The speech Hon. Mr. Carvell at Sarnia, following the statements of Premier Murray of Nova Scotia and Hon. W. S. Fielding and the entry of Hon. A. K. MacLean into the cabinet, has done much to enlighten maritime province Liberals on the whole situation. They are able to perceive clearly that the Liberal party has not been abandoned by the members who entered the new government. They are there because of a profound conviction that in pursuing that course they were best serving the interests of Canada and the Empire in this crisis. They disagreed with Sir Wilfrid Laurier on what they regarded as a point, and followed their conscientious convictions. Mr. Carvell does not mince matters. He is as determined a foe of graft and profligacy today as when he was devoting so much of his time to exposing the grafters. His attitude must command respect and confidence, and gives the people the assurance that while there must be mutual concessions for the war period, there will be no abandonment by him of the Liberal principles of which he has been so powerful an advocate for so many years.

Liberals and Conservatives have united to nominate union candidates in Sudbury, North Bruce and Haldimand, Ontario. In the province of Saskatchewan party lines have been obliterated, and there is a National Government Association, which will nominate and endeavor to elect ten Liberals and six Conservatives. Some leading Liberals of Toronto to protest against the statement that strict Liberals will contest every Toronto seat in opposition to the new government. They say the president of the Reform Association had no authority to make such an announcement.

### THE COMING CHANGE

The war has taught Canada some lessons that will not be forgotten after the war is over. If it is necessary to prevent speculation and inflated prices in war time, why not in peace time? If the profiteer must be eliminated in war-time, why should he exist in time of peace? These questions will be asked, and what is the answer? If it is right to try to lift a burden from the poor and prevent the piling up of immense profits while the war is on, the necessity will not pass with the war. The poor must still be protected, and having been enlightened they will use the weapon of the ballot to secure their rights.

Occasionally we hear a statement that there is the opportunity to make large gains there will be a lack of enterprise and progress will cease? The answer is that if our civilization provides men and women with no higher inspiration than the incentive to pile up money, then we might as well take off the mask and plunge back into barbarism. But it is not true that without the prospect of great material gain there will be no incentive to progress. In every community are found great numbers of people who know they can never be rich, but

who are none the less faithful in the performance of every task, and find time to interest themselves and give something of themselves to the promotion of community welfare.

Our whole social system is wrong in the extent that it permits the piling up of colossal fortunes. They are not essential to business welfare, and they too often place the utterly undeserving in positions of influence where that influence is harmful to the public welfare.

And so, when the war is over, there must be a readjustment. New standards must be adopted. More attention must be paid to the social improvement of the great mass of the people, and money must be found to finance the work of education, the proper care of the hopelessly inefficient, and the complete reorganization of the social system, so that the general standard of living will be raised and the gap between the multi-millionaire and the semi-proletarian made narrower toward the time when there will be a comfortable life prospect for every deserving soul.

Hunger brought the revolution to Russia. The distress of the poor in Canada, due to conditions which produce too many millionaires, will cause a political and social revolution here. Those who think otherwise should study the conditions of life around them, and the world-wide unrest, among people who are growing ever more conscious of the power of the ballot. The new government in Canada has the opportunity to do much to lighten the burdens of the poor and prevent the profiteers from making the conditions harder. If it fails in its task, the people will provide the remedy.

That sturdy South African soldier and statesman, Gen. Smuts, whose voice is heard with so keen appreciation in England in these troubled times, has a vision of the better time to be. In an address in Sheffield yesterday he said:—

"We want to arise from carnage and slaughter to a new and better world. We want to see more justice in this country, less poverty, less luxury. We want to see better standards of living, more economic freedom and security for all workers in a world where there will be no idlers, rich or poor."

Gen. Smuts points out that to attain this end militarism must be crushed. That is the first step, but when the military autocracy has been destroyed there will still be the autocracy of wealth and privilege to be overcome and the intolerance of labor and the intolerance of capital to be replaced by a co-operation making for the common welfare.

Halifax Chronicle—"The government announces that it intends to abolish patronage in the purchase of supplies and that hereafter there will be no patronage lists in any department of the government. If this good intention is implemented it will be a great gain to the country. The grafters must be weeded out."

A girl of fourteen has run away from home. Many girls of fourteen to sixteen are found nightly on the streets without escort unless they "pick up" a male companion. What are their parents thinking about? Vice is spreading in the city of St. John, and feeding on the young and unadorned of the community.

St. John is presented with the serious problem of providing care for the children of a considerable number of women who care more for dissipation than for their little ones. Such women should be given a term with hard labor in a reformatory institution. That would perhaps bring them to their senses.

The Sinn Fein conference in Dublin last night decided that members should be trained in the use of arms. It also promised a provisional government and an effort to establish an Irish republic. Any such folly means bloodshed and still darker days for Ireland.

We are told to eat potatoes instead of wheat, and instantly potatoes go up in price. We are told to eat beans instead of beef, and up go beans. What a pity we could not flourish on the dust of the streets or the microbes in the air.

How much better it would be if youths who waste their time or go about committing thefts at night could be gathered together in classes or clubs for healthy recreation and improvement.

If Sir Robert Borden had been able to see with the eyes of the Conservative executive in St. John, Hon. J. D. Hazen would surely not have been spared from the cabinet in this national crisis.

The west is unmistakably swinging toward union government. Messrs. Calder, Cresser and Meighan are meeting with a generally favorable reception.

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"Where's the man who used to act as keeper here?" asked the motorist. "He's dead sir," was the reply. "Dead? Poor fellow! Joined the great majority, eh?"

"Well," said the man, cautiously, "I wouldn't like to say that, sir. He was a good enough man so far as I know."—Harper's Magazine.

Appropos of high prices, Cassell's Saturday Journal (London) has this: Scene in restaurant. John, glancing over bill of fare—Looker, Betsy, what be the price of eggs. They come by honest. It is the price of poached eggs!

### CATHEDRAL TEA

The Cathedral High Tea was brought to a close last evening as far as the adults were concerned. This afternoon will be reserved for the children of the parish, when they will be given an opportunity to visit the fair. The City Cornet Band will be in attendance and render the music. Last evening the voting contest for the most popular Catholic ladies' society of the Cathedral parish was finished, and the Children of Mary had the highest number of votes, with a total of 1,879, and thus proved the winners of the \$50 in gold. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the A. O. H. were a close second with 1,855. The voting was in charge of Miss Alice Dillon, Edwin and Joseph Kennedy, and John Stafford. The money has been handed over to Miss Katherine Duke, the president of the society.

The winner in the Italian Rose Garden lottery were Miss Minnie Bradley and Fred Smith. The lottery in connection with the Domestic Society table, under the auspices of St. Monica's Society, was won by Mrs. Alice Dwyer, who received a pair of chickens, one pound of butter and one dozen of eggs. In connection



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